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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IB2004/003379	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE October 15, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED October 20, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>A VEHICLE ROOF RACK END SUPPORT</b>		
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2. Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Submission Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (3 pages)
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This is a cover sheet for the conversion of the above-referenced application under 35 U.S.C. §371 from International Patent Application Ser. No. PCT/IB2004/003379 filed October 15, 2004. Enclosed herewith is the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated Office; a copy of the International Application; a check for \$900.00; and a Preliminary Amendment. Applicant respectfully requests that the Preliminary Amendment be entered before the calculation of fees.